

1. A method, comprising:

providing a docking apparatus coupled to interface with a vehicle;

communicatively coupling a remote communications device to the docking apparatus,  
wherein the remote communications device is non-enabled with a telematics functionality  
module; and

the docking apparatus and the remote communications device enabling the remote  
communications device with the telematics functionality module.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the telematics functionality module comprises at  
least one of a vehicle specific application, a personal telematics application, a routing  
guidance application, a security application, a hands-free application, a noise cancellation  
application, an air bag system, and an emergency notification application.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the docking apparatus is a car kit.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein communicatively coupling comprises  
communicatively coupling using at least one of a wireless link and a wireline link.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
the remote communications device detecting the docking apparatus; and  
the docking apparatus and the remote communications device exchanging capability  
data.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a  
software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
the docking apparatus detecting the remote communications device; and  
the docking apparatus and the remote communications device exchanging capability  
data.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

5 9. The method of claim 1, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises rewriting at least a portion of a memory of the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module.

10 10. The method of claim 1, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises downloading the telematics functionality module.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the docking apparatus associating a vehicle identification number to the remote communications device that has downloaded the telematics functionality module.

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12. The method of claim 1, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises enabling the telematics functionality module in the remote communications device:

20 13. The method of claim 1, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises downloading the telematics functionality module into a memory of the remote communications device while the remote communications device is communicatively coupled to the docking apparatus, and wherein erasing the telematics functionality module from the memory when the remote  
25 communications device ceases being communicatively coupled to the docking apparatus.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
the docking apparatus querying the remote communication device for the presence of the telematics functionality module;  
30 the docking apparatus supplying the remote communications device with a download location to obtain the telematics functionality module; and  
downloading the telematics functionality module.

15. A method, comprising:  
providing a docking apparatus coupled to interface with a vehicle;  
communicatively coupling a non-telematics enabled remote communications device  
to the docking apparatus; and

5 the docking apparatus and the non-telematics enabled remote communications device  
operating to transform the non-telematics enabled remote communications device into a  
telematics enabled remote communications device.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein communicatively coupling comprises  
10 communicatively coupling using at least one of a wireless link and a wireline link.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
the non-telematics enabled remote communications device detecting the docking  
apparatus; and  
15 the docking apparatus and the non-telematics enabled remote communications device  
exchanging capability data.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a  
software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

19. The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
the docking apparatus detecting the non-telematics enabled remote communications  
device; and

25 the docking apparatus and the remote communications device exchanging capability  
data.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a  
software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein transforming comprises rewriting at least a  
portion of a memory of the non-telematics enabled remote communications device to include  
a telematics functionality module.

22. The method of claim 15, wherein transforming comprises downloading a telematics functionality module.

23. The method of claim 15, wherein transforming comprises enabling a telematics  
5 functionality module in the non-telematics enabled remote communications device.

24. The method of claim 15, wherein transforming comprises downloading a telematics functionality module into a memory of the non-telematics enabled remote communications device only while the non-telematics enabled remote communications  
10 device is communicatively coupled to the docking apparatus.

25. The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
the docking apparatus querying the non-telematics enabled remote communication device for the presence of a telematics functionality module;  
15 the docking apparatus supplying the non-telematics enabled remote communications device with a download location to obtain the telematics functionality module; and  
downloading the telematics functionality module.

26. A docking apparatus coupled to interface with a vehicle, comprising a computer-  
20 readable medium containing computer instructions for instructing a processor to perform a method of enabling a remote communications device with a telematics functionality module, the instructions comprising:

communicatively coupling a remote communications device to the docking apparatus, wherein the remote communications device is non-enabled with the telematics functionality  
25 module; and

the docking apparatus and the remote communications device enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module.

27. The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the telematics functionality module  
30 comprises at least one of a vehicle specific application, a personal telematics application, a routing guidance application, a security application, a hands-free application, a noise cancellation application, an air bag system, and an emergency notification application.

28. The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the docking apparatus is a car kit.

29. The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein communicatively coupling comprises communicatively coupling using at least one of a wireless link and a wireline link.

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30. The docking apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:  
the remote communications device detecting the docking apparatus; and  
the docking apparatus and the remote communications device exchanging capability data.

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31. The docking apparatus of claim 30, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

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32. The docking apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:  
the docking apparatus detecting the remote communications device; and  
the docking apparatus and the remote communications device exchanging capability data.

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33. The docking apparatus of claim 32, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

34. The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises rewriting at least a portion of a memory of the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module.

35. The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises downloading the telematics functionality module.

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36. The docking apparatus of claim 35, further comprising the docking apparatus associating a vehicle identification number to the remote communications device that has downloaded the telematics functionality module.

5           37. The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises enabling the telematics functionality module in the remote communications device.

10           38. The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein enabling the remote communications device with the telematics functionality module comprises downloading the telematics functionality module into a memory of the remote communications device while the remote communications device is communicatively coupled to the docking apparatus, and wherein erasing the telematics functionality module from the memory when the remote communications device ceases being communicatively coupled to the docking apparatus.

15           39. The docking apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:  
            the docking apparatus querying the remote communication device for the presence of the telematics functionality module;  
            the docking apparatus supplying the remote communications device with a download  
20      location to obtain the telematics functionality module; and  
            downloading the telematics functionality module.